

GREAT BRITAIN TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

Earl Curzon Proposes Direct Conversations With Commander of Russian Volunteer Army—Seek to Check Bolshevik Advance Into the Crimea.

London, May 7.—Great Britain is on the eve of negotiations with Soviet Russia, a Moscow wireless message today asserts.

Earl Curzon, the British foreign secretary, the message says, has forwarded to M. Tchitcherine, the Soviet commissary for foreign affairs, a declaration in which direct conversations with General Wrangel, commander of the remnant of the Russian volunteer army, are proposed. These conversations, it is declared, are desired by Great Britain in order that definite negotiations may be begun concerning the cessation of the Bolshevik advance into the Crimea, and British officers would participate in these negotiations.

M. Tchitcherine, the message continues, replied to the British communication with the statement that the Soviet government was prepared to meet the desire expressed in that communication and enter into negotiations with the British government or any one that government might indicate, concerning the question of hostilities in the Crimean sector, and that the Soviet was prepared to admit General Wrangel as well as British officers, to these negotiations.

Regarding the Caucasus front the message states that hostilities have ceased and that the Soviet has applied to the governments of the various states, offering to begin peace negotiations immediately. The Soviet promises to take British government interests in the Caucasus into consideration.

M. Tchitcherine in his reply, it is added, expresses his firm assurance that the agreement to begin peace negotiations will serve as a preliminary step and that a general agreement between Great Britain and Russia will be the final outcome.

INDUSTRY-PROFITEERS CAUSED HIGH PRICES

APPOINTS PLATT TO RESERVE BOARD

Washington, May 7.—Edmund Platt of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., a Republican representative from the 26th New York district, has been selected by President Wilson for membership on the federal reserve board.

Mr. Platt, who is serving his fourth term in Congress, will succeed Albert Strauss who resigned recently. Mr. Platt is a member of the banking and currency committee. He is a newspaper man by profession and is editor of the Poughkeepsie Eagle-News.

MAN FOUND LYING IN ROAD

Found lying in the road at the corner of East Main and Hamilton streets about 11:30 o'clock last night, a man who gave his name as Walter Linsley, of East Washington, and Housatonic avenues was taken to the Emergency hospital where he was treated for a cut on the head.

The man was first discovered by Patrolman James E. English, and he told the officer that he had been hit on the head while walking near the corner of Pembroke and East Main streets. He later denied this story, and claimed that he had been struck by an automobile. The police are investigating.

SECRETARY, NEW YORK CLUB DIES

New York, May 7.—Harry L. Sparrow, secretary of the New York American League baseball club since 1915, died suddenly at his home in this city today. He was born in East Orange, N. J., and was in his 45th year.

Sparrow numbered a large list of baseball magnates and players among his friends, having been an ardent follower of the game for many years previous to his acceptance of the position of secretary to the local club when the New York Americans were purchased by Messrs. Ruppert and Huston from Frank J. Farrell.

TURKEY TO GET TREATY MAY 11

Paris, May 7.—The peace treaty with Turkey will be handed to the Ottoman delegation on Tuesday next, May 11. The ceremony will take place in the Clock Room at the foreign office, the scene of notable peace sessions of the peace conference.

STRONG PROTEST ON RECOGNITION OF SOVIET GOV'T

New York, May 7.—The national civic federation, through its president, Alton B. Parker, announced today it had filed with President Wilson a protest against recognition of the Soviet government of Russia and had telegraphed all prospective presidential candidates asking them to define their position on the subject. The telegrams were signed by hundreds of prominent men and women.

FREIGHT STRIKE CAUSES TROUBLE

Manufacturers Laying Off Men—Lack of Raw Materials.

The freight strike is causing much inconvenience to the Bridgeport manufacturers. Some of them are running short of raw materials, and most of them are having considerable difficulty in the shipping of their finished products.

The Warner Bros. Co., when questioned admitted a shortage of raw materials but said that they are not laying off any of the men.

The Bryant Electric does not seem to be as badly off as most of the factories. They are doing all of their shipping and receiving by truck and express although they are not sending much material farther than Boston.

The Raybestos Co. will have to start laying off help unless material is received within the next few days.

The Acme Shear Co. is also having a very hard time getting raw material through to keep their going. They haven't as yet laid off any of their help but neither are they taking any on.

SHOCK CAUSED SULLY'S DEATH

The coroner finds that the boys were frightened and that the death was accidental.

SACHER IS HELD IN \$1,000 BOND

Alleged to have been making whiskey in a home-made still, Joseph Sacher, of 689 Bostwick avenue, was arrested at his home yesterday afternoon by Federal Officer Walsh, on a charge of violating the prohibition amendment. Sacher was arraigned before United States Commissioner Hugh J. Lavery, this morning, and his case was continued for one week, under \$1,000 bonds. The still which Sacher is said to have been using for the manufacture of liquor has been seized by the authorities.

FARINA DEATH WAS ACCIDENT

The death of Michael Farina of Danbury, who died on April 25 from a fractured skull, was accidental, according to the finding of Coroner John J. Phelan.

POST APPEARS IN OWN DEFENSE

Washington, May 7.—Appearing before the House Rules Committee today to defend his official conduct in alien deportations, Louis F. Post, Assistant Secretary of the Labor Department, charged that Anthony Cunniff, Commissioner General of Immigration, had delayed action in deportations by withholding cases so he might compile "an unauthorized and unlawful memorandum, recommending final action."

Mr. Post declared that last March he changed the custom that had grown up in the department of permitting Mr. Cunniff to make recommendations and went directly to the record to make the final decision himself. This, he argued, was the only legally authorized procedure.

Industry received by the coal operator was shown as increased from 75 to 400 per cent. Profiteering did not stop with the armistice, the report declared, presenting figures to show that corporate profits in 1919 were 110 per cent, over the pre-war average which means the study added, that 1919 profits were more than double the average for the years 1912-1914. An average of \$1,200 per family of five during the years 1915-1918 was declared to be probably a highly conservative item of actual cost of profiteering to the consumer.

REBELS AND FEDERALS IN CLASH

Gen. Murguia Sent to Pueblo To Attack Gonzales.

Washington, May 7.—General Murguia has been sent into the state of Puebla to attack the forces of General Pablo Gonzales, and an engagement already has occurred between the vanguard of the Carranzista troops and the rebels at Otumba, between Mexico City and the city of Puebla.

Authoritative advices reaching Washington today said Gonzales had defeated the federal troops, and would resist them by force of arms. This was regarded as complicating the situation in Mexico. Gonzales has declared martial law in Puebla City, according to these advices, and has exacted a loan of 200,000 pesos from the population.

Passenger traffic between Mexico City and Guadalajara has been suspended. A passenger train on this line was attacked by rebels at Penjamo on May 5 and a considerable sum of government funds intended to be used in paying the soldiers at Guadalajara, where, at last advices, General Dieguez had 8,000 men in his command.

Increased rebel activities is reported in the vicinity of Vera Cruz, where President Carranza's son-in-law, General Candido Aguilar, is in command of the federal troops.

The state department today had no confirmation of a private message received here after last midnight from Mexico City via Laredo that Carranza had left the Mexican capital for Vera Cruz. The private advices said the president left Mexico City last night accompanied by a guard of troops under General Aguilar.

Official advices from the American embassy at Mexico City said E. F. Greenlaw, the American, and his son who were killed last Saturday near Mexico City, were robbed at the same time of a part of the company payroll, amounting to 4,500 pesos. Greenlaw was 63 years old and his son 32. Mrs. Greenlaw and a minor child are in Mexico City.

EVERY DAY TO BE "TAG DAY"

Tags Will Be For Violation of Main Street Parking Ordinance.

Beginning Monday every day will be "tag day" for motorists who park their cars in Main street, between East Washington and South avenues, and in Fairfield avenue between the railroad station and Courtland street.

These "tag days" will differ from the regulation "tag day," however, in that the "tagging" will be done by police officers instead of fair young damsels, and the tags will bear a summons to appear in court for violation of a city ordinance, rather than a request for money for some worthy cause.

The new ordinance recently adopted by the Common Council provides that no cars shall be parked within the areas stated above, between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. does not apply to motor vehicles from which merchandise is being unloaded or loaded. These cars may stand at the curb for a period of five minutes. City vehicles are also exempted. The penalty for violating this ordinance is a fine of not more than \$50.

RUNS AMUCK KILLING THREE

New York, May 7.—An unidentified man armed with a knife today ran amuck on the lower east side, killing Morris Minkofsky, superintendent of an office building, and wounding three other men. Their assailant was taken to Bellevue hospital for observation.

LAUCH SUBMITS 4 DEMANDS FOR R. R. WORKERS

Washington, May 7.—Jett Lauck has submitted the following general demands in the name of the railroad workers: "1—Labor in general, and railroad labor in particular, must have wage increases proportionate to advances in living costs."

"2—In the present crisis and for all time to come, producers and middlemen must be restrained from advancing prices in excess of increases in labor and material costs."

"3—Producers and middlemen must refrain from including income and excess profit taxes in their costs and passing them on to the consumer with an added price cost."

"4—The principle of a living wage must be accepted and established in order that normal production may be restored and increased production hoped for in all fields of industry."

BAVARIAN TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN

Berlin, May 7.—Bavarian troops which have been in the Ruhr basin have been withdrawn according to the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The Prussian assembly has adopted proposals for the creation of local guards which will be connected with the state police.

FUGITIVE SHOOTS TRAFFIC OFFICER

DRIVE ON PUNCH BOARD GAMBLING

Orders Issued to Arrest Those Found Owning Device.

The well known punch-board, on which many persons have squandered money just for the sake of taking a chance, is going to be driven to cover in Bridgeport. A campaign against this form of gambling, was started by the police yesterday, and James Musco of 1839 Seaview avenue, and Arthur Negosin of 1162 Barnum avenue, both storekeepers, were arrested on a charge of having a punch-board in their stores.

Musco explained in the city court this morning that he knew nothing of the law against such contrivances, and everybody received something for their money on his particular board. The grand prize was a two pound box of candy awarded to the person who got the lucky number. Non-winners were presented free of charge, with one stick of high grade chewing gum. Negosin told practically the same story.

Judge Frank L. Wilder refused to accept these excuses, and fined Negosin \$25 and costs and Musco \$15 and costs. All patrolmen have been ordered to arrest anyone who has a punch-board in his possession.

TEACHERS MEET FOR CONVENTION

More than 500 school teachers of Fairfield county were in attendance today at the annual convention of the Fairfield County Teachers' association, which opened at 10 o'clock in the High School auditorium. The principal speaker at the morning session was Prof. D. L. Sharp, of Boston university, who spoke on the subject of "Twenty Years a Teacher." The regular business meeting scheduled for 11:30 o'clock this morning was postponed until the afternoon session. The teachers are holding their annual convention here for the first time in three years.

WORKERS OBJECT TO NEW SYSTEM

Great indignation was expressed by the workmen at the Lake Torpedo Boat factory today when the employment agent offered to sell them the new communication books on the trolley roads. The men claimed the new rate was robbery and said they would not pay the increased fare.

JURORS CHOSEN TO SERVE HERE

Jurors chosen for the criminal trial of Superior Court which opens Tuesday with Judge Lucien F. Burpee, presiding, follow: Bridgeport, J. Dezzo, Joseph E. Douglas, John F. Gaynor, Howard Rickett, Bethel, John Cordis, Stephen Fry, Winfield Haines; Brookfield, Henry L. Foote, William S. Goides, Danvers, Charles H. Brush, Clarence E. Gilbert, Martin B. Matis, Frank M. Scott.

Darien, Edward S. Austin, William H. Willmet, John H. Selleck; Fairfield, Wilbur F. Jennings, John C. Lobell, John Warren; Greenwich, Howard Danard, Charles Hunt, N. A. Knopf, Arthur A. Purdy; New Canaan, John F. Brennan, Edward M. Gray, David B. Marshall; Ridgefield, Edward M. Talbot, Rufus Todd; Stamford, Charles E. Bounty, W. Judson DeLap, Charles C. Hickey; Stratford, Fred W. Nettleton, Fred E. Smith, Westport, Charles Harris, Rollin Stoddard and Robert W. Post.

57 ENTRIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

London, May 7.—Fifty-seven entries have been received for the British Ladies' Golf Championship Tournament which begins next Tuesday at Newcastle, County Down, Ireland. This is about a third of the record entry of 156 received for the 1914 play. In addition the four American entrants, Miss Marion Hollins, Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck, Miss Mildred Caverley and Miss Rosemond Sherwood, there are two Canadians, and many prominent English and Irish champions and former champions.

The draw for the round brings Miss Caverley against Miss A. G. Mackenzie of Toronto; Mrs. Vanderbeck vs. Miss Ames; Miss Hollins vs. Mrs. Cruise and Miss Sherwood vs. Miss M. Griffith.

LOST \$185 IN CASH.

Coramies Elias, of 430 State street, has reported to the police that he was held up last night at the corner of Warren and Liberty streets and relieved of \$185 in cash. Elias claims that three men participated in the robbery. One man held a revolver against him while the other two searched his clothes.

ATTEMPTED TO ARREST PAUL DULAND WANTED FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY—FOUR SHOTS FIRED AT PURSUERS BY DULAND IN EFFORT TO ESCAPE.

Paul Duland, 41, of New York shot Traffic Officer John Halpin in the right leg above the knee just after noon today at the corner of Main and State streets. Duland shot the officer after a wild chase through several of the downtown streets and it came as a climax to an attempt to capture him by Traffic Officer William Buckley for passing a counterfeit \$20 bill in a men's furnishings store at 245 State street.

A bullet from Duland's 25 calibre automatic passed clear through the patrolman's leg recoiled from the sidewalk and punctured the gasoline tank of an automobile standing near. Fearing that the gasoline which escaped from the tank of the automobile struck by Duland's bullet might become ignited, someone telephoned fire headquarters and asked that firemen be sent to the scene of the shooting. A chemical truck and crew responded to the call.

Patrolman Buckley was told of the counterfeit and Duland, who stood at the corner of Main and State streets, was pointed out to him. The officer gave chase and Duland ran from John to Bank and to Water street, up Union Square to Main street again and up Main street to the corner of Main and State streets where Traffic Officer Halpin stepped in front of the man to stop him.

As the patrolman chased the fugitive a crowd joined in the hunt and four shots were fired at his pursuers by Duland. Suffering from the bullet wound, Halpin assisted his brother officer, Buckley, to make the arrest. The fugitive was taken to headquarters, while the policeman was sent to the Emergency hospital to have the wound dressed.

A search of Duland brought forth \$30 and \$20 and \$50 bills which the police believe to be counterfeit. Duland claims to have purchased them from a man at the Mineola flying field some days ago. He claims he had passed four of the \$20 bills and two of the \$50 bills since coming to this city. Duland had a .25 automatic revolver.

BELIEVE WHISKEY WAS STOLEN FROM TRUCK

Police and Federal authorities today started an investigation to determine whether three barrels of alcohol which were brought into Bridgeport Wednesday night, by Abraham Rosenberg and Eugen Katz, of New York City, are a part of the liquor which was stolen from a stalled automobile truck in Darien, a number of months ago. The possibility that the alcohol may be a portion of the stuff taken from the truck is emphasized by the fact that the two men have failed to disclose the name of the person from whom they originally secured the liquor.

The name of the person to whom Rosenberg and Katz delivered two barrels of alcohol, Wednesday night, is still unknown to the police. The single barrel of alcohol which the men had on their truck at the time of the arrest, has been confiscated by federal authorities and will probably be destroyed. The liquor is valued at \$1,500.

Liquor Prosecutor Albert J. Merritt brought charges of "unlawfully keeping intoxicating liquors for sale," against Katz and Rosenberg in the city court this morning and the offenders were fined \$50 and costs apiece. The state entered a charge of bribery against the men, and they were bound over to the Superior Court under \$300 bonds for this offense. It is alleged that the pair offered Officer Hoffman \$20 to let them escape. In addition to the state charge, Katz and Rosenberg have yet to face the federal authorities for violating the prohibition amendment.

LOST SAVINGS OF 10 MONTHS

Two hundred dollars, representing the savings of 10 months, was stolen Wednesday afternoon from the room of Pasquale Sartoria, 144 Highland avenue, according to a report made to the police today. Sartoria was advised by friends to put the money in a bank, but he disregarded the warnings and deposited the cash in a trunk. The trunk was smashed by the thieves.

REDS REPULSE POLISH TROOPS

London, May 7.—Polish troops advancing on Kiev were repulsed by the Bolsheviks on the line of the Ipen river it is announced in a Soviet government communication dated Thursday, received from Moscow today. The statement reads: "In the Kiev region at the railway along the river Ipen we repulsed the enemy's advancing troops. "On the Caucasian coast four enemy ships bombarded Temryuk, but were driven off by our artillery fire."

SUE FOR PIANO

The Bankers Commercial Security company has sued the Cotes Piano company of Fall River for the conversion of a piano which it is claimed belonged to the plaintiff and which was in the possession of H. E. Propson of Stratford. The case was returned to the Common Pleas Court today.

CLAIM CHAIRMAN ALTERED RECORD

Washington, May 7.—Chairman Hale of the Senate committee investigating the Sims-Daniels row, was charged before the committee today by Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, with ordering an alteration in the record of the inquiry.

Senator Hale said he had directed the secretary to strike out a colloquy between senators as to whether Democratic members were permitted to question witnesses as freely as the Republicans and that he assumed full responsibility for his action.